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 Term Expires: August 29, 2011

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**Sam E. Haddon**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
 Education: Rice 1959 BS; Montana 1965 JD  
 Began Service: July 26, 2001  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush



**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula (1971-2001)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William J. Jameson, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1965-1966)

**Government:** Immigration Patrol Inspector, United States Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice (1959-1961); Agent, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, United States Department of the Treasury (1961-1962)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Anderson, Symmes, Forbes, Peete & Brown (1966-1969); Partner and Shareholder, Boone, Karlberg & Haddon (1969-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Academy of Appellate Lawyers; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; National Institute of Trial Advocacy; State Bar of Montana

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**Charles C. Lovell**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
 Education: Montana 1952 BS, 1959 JD  
 Began Service: April 1985  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Chief Counsel, Appellate Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Montana (1969-1972)

**Judicial:** District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1985-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams (1959-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1952-1954)

**Current Memberships:** American Association for Justice; American Bar Association; American College of Mortgage Attorneys; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; Montana Defense Counsel Association; Montana Trial Lawyers Association; State Bar of Montana

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**Jack D. Shanstrom**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
 Education: Montana 1956 BA, 1957 BS, 1957 LLB  
 Began Service: 1990  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Livingston, Montana (1960); County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Park, Montana (1960-1965)

**Judicial:** Judge, Montana District Court (1965-1982); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1983-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Shanstrom & Fitzgerald (1960-1963); Private Practice

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1957-1960)

**Current Memberships:** Park County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

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**Keith Strong**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 2007  
 Term Expires: 2015

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**Carolyn S. Ostby**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Macalester 1972 BA; Montana 1977 JD  
 Began Service: February 2002  
 Term Expires: February 22, 2018

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable Russell E. Smith, United District Court for the District of Montana (1977-1979)

**Government:** Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice (1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole & Dietrich, P.L.L.P. (1980-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

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**Jeremiah C. Lynch**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: June 10, 2006  
 Term Expires: June 9, 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, District Judge Paul G. Hatfield, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1981-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1995-2006)

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**Gerard M. Schuster**

Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Montana 1967 BA, 1972 JD  
 Began Service: 1974

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; National District Attorneys Association; State Bar of Montana

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**Richard W. Anderson**

Magistrate Judge (recalled)

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**Robert M. Holter**

Magistrate Judge (recalled)

Began Service: January 21, 1988; January 3, 2003

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**Ralph B. Kirscher**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD  
 Began Service: November 18, 1999  
 Term Expires: November 18, 2013

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula

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